

Parents, children learn about school

Parents and children can grow together at Fairview Early Childhood Center beginning Feb. 5.

Children about to face their first day of school can ease the transition with the help of enrichment classes. Parents facing the same first day of school or the beginning of junior high and high school can find activities to give them insights into being a child or teen.

For children who are four or five years old and may not be immediately entering kindergarten, a series of enrichment classes have been developed to get them acquainted with formal schooling.

Classes include cooking, gym, art, creative movement, science and music and story time.

Cooking classes will include discussions of nutrition and edible art which utilizes snack foods in art projects. There will be some supervised hot plate cooking of such simple dishes as applesauce, according to Jan Martin, Fairview's building coordinator.

Science programs will deal with such projects involving magnets, weights, measures, electricity and the planets.

according to Ms. Martin. For the child who will be attending kindergarten within the year, the Parents' Readiness Education Project is aimed at helping parents and offspring ease through the transition.

THE PROGRAM IS MODELED after the nationally validated education program, according to Ms. Martin.

"This program is designed to help parents nurture their children and help them get ready for school," she said.

Parents and children attend school for a half-day session once a week for 15 weeks. Children must be four-years-old as of Dec. 1, 1978 to be eligible for this program.

While the children attend a nursery school, the parents participate in a discussion of the emotional, behavioral and discipline problems they might face in their youngsters.

The class is structured so each week another goal and activity is discussed. Parents take home an activity which encourages children to learn to read or helps them develop their motor skills. Besides helping the children prepare for school, the activities al-

low parents a time to be with them, Ms. Martin said.

Each class session for the parents involve a discussion of the activities and how each child accomplished the projects. Children's reactions to the projects are also discussed.

Parents of children already attending school can enroll in parenting discussion groups at Fairview, also.

GROUPS ARE broken into two sections: junior-high and baby through elementary age. This discussion group will look into various theories and techniques of child rearing.

Children between the ages of four and six years old can study tap, ballet and gymnastics during dance hour, conducted once a week for eight weeks. Basics and rhythms will be combined with song and dance routines.

Preschool classes are conducted for 15 weeks for four and five year olds.

Parents of retarded or physically handicapped children can contact the Child-Find Committee for an appointment to gain help. The committee can be reached at Fair-

view Early Childhood Center by calling 626-8335.

With the exception of the Child-Find service, there is a fee for the enrichment classes. Registration for the classes should be completed before Feb. 5. Phone reservations aren't accepted. To register by mail send full payment to the center, 28500 Oak Crest, Farmington Hills. Registration can be accomplished in person at the center.

There is no residency requirements for the classes. Requests for refunds must be made to the Fairview office before the second class meeting. A \$2 fee will be deducted in case of withdrawal.

CLASSES ARE LIMITED IN SIZE. Children must have a completed health form. Forms are available at the Fairview office.

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The average length of stay is three months. All prospective mothers receive pre-natal care and a registered nurse is on duty five days a week.

Two public health nurses teach prenatal instruction, like breathing exercises. A parent or boyfriend, whoever chooses to be with the mother during delivery, is invited to participate in the final class session.

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